

Canada Holds Place on Executive Body of League Assembly

Foster One of Six Vice-Presidents Elected in Somewhat Agitated Session—Rumors of Cut-and-Dried Program Denied—Powers to Send Troops to Vilna.

GENEVA, Nov. 18.—In a somewhat agitated session today the league assembly completed its organization by the election of six vice-presidents, who, with the six chairmen of the committees elected yesterday, form a sort of executive committee of the assembly. The non-European nations, for whom much solicitude was shown yesterday, had no complaints to make, as they obtained four vice-presidents instead of the three they had asked for. They were: Viscount Ishii, Japan; Honorable Fuyfredon, Argentina; Sir George E. Foster, Canada; and Rodrigo Octavio, Brazil. Other vice-presidents are: H. Edward Benes, Czechoslovakia; and Dr. A. Van Karnebeek, Holland.

Rumors which had been current all week that certain combinations had been forced to the assembly were denied today from two sources. Mr. Fuyfredon said that it was absolutely untrue so far as Argentina is concerned that a South American republic was here to understand with other neutrals to force the admission of Germany into the League of Nations.

The British dominions' representatives made it clear that they were here to represent their particular dominion without reference to sister dominions or mother country. All the delegates appeared to be satisfied with the progress made in the necessary preliminary proceedings, the work having been done through with a minimum of friction, and they expect the final results to satisfy all the friends of the league.

A tie for sixth vice-president between Honorable Rodrigo Octavio, Brazilian under-secretary for foreign affairs, and Dr. Gastao da Cunha, Brazilian minister to France, having resulted on the first ballot an animated discussion took place in the Brazilian delegation between two ballots, while the matter of voting was being discussed, and Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell of Canada, made a brief but energetic protest against continual proposals of departures from the rules.

Senior da Cunha endeavored to put in a few words after the voting had begun, but Mr. Rowell's protest intervened.

Meetings of the assembly's committees were begun this afternoon.

SEND TROOPS TO VILNA. GENEVA, Nov. 18.—It was announced by the League of Nations today that Spain and Great Britain, as well as France and Belgium, would send troops to Vilna to maintain order during the meeting to determine the political fate of that city as between Lithuania and Poland.

METHODISTS CALL FOR MILLIONS TO EXPEND IN CHARITABLE WAYS

Boston, Nov. 18.—A budget calling for the expenditure of \$2,750,000 for benevolent purposes by the Methodist Episcopal church was adopted by the council of the board of benevolence here last night, in concluding a three-day session. Included in this enterprise will be the reconstruction of 21 French towns and villages and the expenditure of \$250,000 for disabled war veterans' pensions.

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THREE MEN KILLED TWO ARE WOUNDED DURING REPRISALS

Police Make Several Attacks On Houses in Cork, Ireland.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Three men were lying dead today in the Cork mortuary, while two others badly wounded were in hospital as a result of several attacks last night on individual houses by armed men following the killing of Sergeant O'Donnell, the anti-republican, according to a Cork dispatch this afternoon. The people were afraid to venture outdoors, the dispatch added.

The first affair occurred near midnight, the dispatch said, when two former soldiers were dragged from their beds, one of them killed and one wounded. Later, a civilian was shot to his death, and another was wounded after midnight another civilian was shot dead and a former soldier wounded.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN MADRID. Madrid, Nov. 18.—A bomb which had been placed in a water conduit in a street there exploded last evening, injuring a child and doing great property damage. The authors, the authorities of which are unknown, are attributed to a recurrence of the recent terrorist campaign in Madrid.

PETITIONS REJECTED. Mexico City, Nov. 18.—All three petitions asking for concessions to build an oil pipe line across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec filed here recently have been rejected by the Mexican Government.

Jacinto B. Trevino, secretary of the department of commerce and labor, announced last night. He declared that such a pipe line is built, the construction work will be carried on by the Mexican Government. Two of the petitions were from companies in which British capital was interested.

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the period of the war, and from which members of the present administration have found it impossible to extricate. It is that of being more solicitous about matters of foreign policy and European affairs generally than of domestic and purely domestic and Canadian concerns. While Parliament is in session the time of the members of the Government is necessarily taken up with the duties of Parliament in a very large measure.

PLAN TO DIVERT CUBAN RAW SUGAR TO EUROPE New York, Nov. 18.—Plans for the diversion of 150,000 and 200,000 tons of Cuban raw sugar to European markets are now under way by a group of local sugar dealers, it was announced here today, as a means of relieving the dealers, it was reported, are seeking buyers among the purchasing representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy, in the belief that the foreign sale will eliminate a great deal of raw sugar surplus over the market, and will provide the Cubans with funds now needed.

MACHINE LANDS SAFELY. Havana, Nov. 18.—A plane, which left Key West at 4:30 o'clock yesterday, carrying a hydro-aeroplane, had been lost, were dispelled early today when reports were received that the machine had landed at Santa Cruz, a small port fifteen miles from here. The captain, pilot and mechanic and six passengers carried by the plane were reported safe.

THEY ARE. While Mr. Meighen and Mr. Calder are in British Columbia, Sir Henry Drayton, Dr. Topley and Senator Robinson are in Nova Scotia. The work of the tariff commission had to be delayed because of Mr. Calder's absence in England. Sir George Foster and the Hon. Mr. Justice Doherty are with their former colleagues, the Hon. Mr. Rowell at the league of nations at Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Reid and members of Parliament are absent in England. The Hon. Mr. Guthrie, minister of militia, has just returned from Belgium to report on the matter of finance which he has been concerned there, and the honorable the postmaster-general, Mr. Blondin, has just come back to give an account of his visit to Spain. After many and long absences of ministers from Canada and during the war and the balance of demobilization which followed, it is not too much to say that we have in this Dominion a cabinet administering its affairs which will feel that the business of Canada is itself is important enough to demand the closest kind of attention. Instead of having ministers carrying in state all over the continent of Europe and America, and wasting our public funds in this extravagant and unnecessary fashion? It is about time our ministers should be at Ottawa, attending to the duties of their offices. This inability, however, to stay at home or attend to business is part of the restless acquiescence during the war period, it is an acquired habit, and we may expect to find many manifestations of it as long as the present Government continues in office.

Finally I might mention as a further bad habit that the present Administration has in common with its predecessor, that of tampering with the electoral laws in such manner as to make possible the manipulation of the machinery of elections, and the preparation of the voters' list so as to count for the party in power, afford unfair advantage at the time of elections and stifle the true and free expression of the popular will. Had this matter already been exposed by Mr. Barnaby of the United Farmers, who saw something of the workings in connection with the election of this all important matter. It is, however, I believe, already familiar to the most part to the electors of this riding.

Should Be Busy. "Finally there is the absence of anything constructive in the work of the present Administration. At the present of all times the Government of Canada should be busy in the application of up-to-date and progressive policies. The Government has nothing to offer, instead of presenting policies, it is busy in avoiding issues altogether.

In contrast with these unfortunate habits and tendencies the present reactionary ministers have the progressive policy of the Liberal party already referred to. Policies which are known and which aim at securing for this Dominion the highest standard of truly representative and a ministry that in every sense of the word is responsible to the people and to the electors. A policy which aims at a fair and equal share in the economic and social reconstruction of the country, and an increase in general production through the revision of the tariff in the interests of the consumers and producers, rather than its maintenance under a form which will serve especially the interests of the producers and exporters at the expense of the people as a whole.

What the Liberal policy is in the matter of tariff, let me here quote the regulations respecting the tariff which were passed at the Liberal convention, and which constitutes the platform of the party with respect to tariff policy. It reads: "That the best interests of Canada demand that substantial reduction of the burdens of custom taxation be made with a view to the accomplishing of two purposes of the highest importance to the Dominion, the vigorous development of which is essential to the progress and prosperity of our country.

"First, reducing the cost of the instruments of production in industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion, the vigorous development of which is essential to the progress and prosperity of our country.

"Second, reducing the cost of the instruments of production in industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion, the vigorous development of which is essential to the progress and prosperity of our country.

"That, in the case of wheat, flour and all products of wheat, the principal articles of food, farm implements and machinery, farm tractors, mining, flour and sawmill machinery and repairing, lubricating and fuel oils, nets, net twines and fishing equipment, cement and fertilizers should be free from customs duties, as well as the raw material entering into the same.

"That a revision downward of the tariff should be made whereby substantial reduction should be effected in the duties of wearing apparel and footwear, and on other articles of general consumption (other than luxuries), as well as on the raw material entering into the manufacture of the same.

"And the Liberal party hereby pledges itself to implement by legislation, the provision of this resolution when returned to power."

Little Difficulty. "In view of all I have mentioned and very much more that might be said, and which fortunately is well known to the Liberals of Canada generally, there should be little difficulty in the minds of any of the electors of East Elgin as to deciding whether or not the present Government should receive their support or condemnation. Only if I am greatly mistaken the Liberals will show very clearly by their ballots on Monday next that a change of administration is what they in common with the rest of Canada are demanding at the present time.

There remains, however, the question as to which of the progressive groups is deserving of support at this time, and here let me say quite frankly that it seems to me a great misfortune that with an issue so all important as that which faces the country at the present time, there should be any division in the ranks of the forces by which the Government is opposed. If by any chance the Government should win its victory, it will be due to the unfortunate divisions, not in the ranks of those who are supporting a reactionary administration, but of the forces that are opposed to it.

There are broadly two grounds on which, so far as this present constituency and by-election are concerned, the electors will be justified in reaching a decision as to which of the progressive forces, the Liberal or the Farmer, is most deserving of their support. On the one hand there is the wisdom of conducting the public affairs of the country by national parties framed respectively of class or creed, or special interest and on the basis of the attitude towards the great issues of the day as contrasted with government by groups, and on the other hand there is the situation of what is owing in the way of fair play towards the candidates who have taken the field to advance progressive policies.

As to the first of these let me say that it is not surprising that any class in Canada today should think that it has as much right as any other group or class to administer the affairs of the Dominion. After all, there has been a pretty good example of government by class afforded by the late Unionist administration. Have you ever stopped to consider how completely members of one profession and one class dominated that administration? Let us take first the Liberals who joined the Unionist administration. Begin at the east and go west. There was the Hon. A. K. MacLean from Nova Scotia, he is a lawyer. Then there is the Hon. Mr. Carvell from New Brunswick, he is a lawyer. Then there was the Hon. Mr. Guthrie of this province, he is a lawyer, and the Hon. Sydney Newburn, also a lawyer, and the Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell, also a lawyer. Going a little further west, from Saskatchewan there was the Hon. James Calder, he also is a lawyer. Hon. Mr. Sifton, he is a lawyer. Now let us look at the old Tory group, who also comprised a part of the Unionist administration. There was the Hon. Senator Loughheed, the present acting prime minister, he is a lawyer. The Hon. Mr. Blondin, minister of finance, from Quebec, he is a lawyer. The Hon. Mr. Justice Doherty, minister of justice, he is a lawyer. Sir Robert Borden himself, he was a lawyer. Finally, there is the present prime minister, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, also a lawyer. So we see that the Unionist men all right; a Union Government all right, but it is a union of lawyers!

No wonder the farmers and the workingmen have said to themselves if Canada can be run by lawyers, it can be run by farmers and by farmers and workingmen. For my own part if we have to choose between the three, I should prefer to see the country run by either the farmers or the workingmen than by the lawyers, since these bodies constitute large classes and from an economic point of view, more necessary elements of the country. Not that I do not fully respect the legal profession; as long as we have parliaments and governments, we will have need in them of the ablest legal minds in the country.

Monopoly of Government. "It is not to representation of lawyers in parliament that the Government is that I am taking exception, but solely to the monopoly of government by any class. The cure, however, for any monopoly is not the substitution of another monopoly in its stead, it is the getting rid of monopoly altogether. The substitution of a joint control for single control or in other words, the substitution of community control for monopoly control.

"It is on this ground that I think a national party broadly representative of all classes in the community is calculated in the long run to better serve the interests of good government in any nation than the government of parliament controlled by or composed mainly of any particular groups.

makes for national unity in a manner which is not possible where parliament is composed, as some of the European parliaments have been, of representation of particular groups rather than of the citizens of the country as a whole.

Finally as between the candidates who are in the field, other things being equal, would it not appear that fair play should assign to the one who was first to take up the cause of progressive government in opposition to the present administration, a preference in your choice? Mr. Charlton, as is well known, did not enter this contest against the

candidate of the United Farmers. He was in the field before the late Mr. Marshall died; he has remained in the field at considerable sacrifice to himself and to his family. If there is a three-cornered contest today, the fault is not his. Having entered the field at the very outset and having remained true to the cause up to the present moment, he well merits the support which he is claiming at the hands of the electors."

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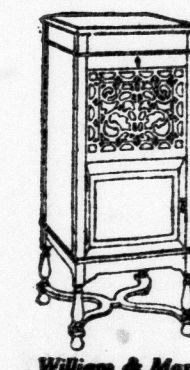
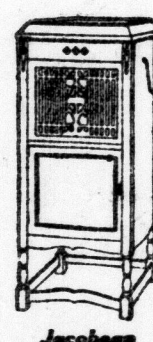
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